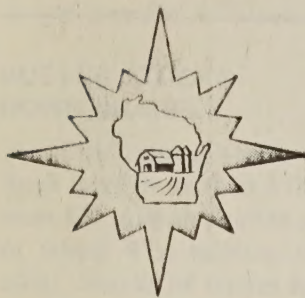


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Cream of the News

Milk production on Wisconsin farms during April was up 4 percent from a year earlier and the highest for that month in seven years.

The index of prices received for Wisconsin farm products declined 7 points from mid-March to mid-April because of lower prices for milk, eggs, hogs, and beef cattle.

Total cheese production in the Nation during March was up 14 percent from last year but output of butter declined 4 percent.

Wholesale prices of Swiss cheese and butter remained unchanged from March to April but the 40 pound block cheddar cheese price dropped about 1½ cents a pound.

Income from milk sales in 1971 was 6 percent above 1970 while total pounds of milk sold from farms increased 2½ percent.

Commercial slaughter plants in Wisconsin produced 1 percent more red meat in March than a year earlier as an increase in beef offset a decline in the pork supply.

Production of Italian cheese in Wisconsin during 1971 was 7 percent above 1970 and 76 percent more than the output of ten years ago.

Feeder pig prices in April were up \$3.20 a head from January and were \$0.05 more than April last year.

Spring was very late in Wisconsin this year but good weather after the first week of May allowed farmers to work many hours daily planting their crops.

Wisconsin farmers are expected to receive an average of \$5.44 a hundredweight for all milk sold in April, a seasonal decline of 6 cents from March but 18 cents higher than April 1971.

Stocks of meat and dairy products in the Nation's cold storage facilities at the end of April were lower than a year earlier.

APRIL MILK PRODUCTION 4 PERCENT ABOVE LAST YEAR

Dairy herds in Wisconsin produced 1,761 million pounds of milk during April, an increase of 4 percent from a year earlier and the highest for that month in the last seven years. Production of milk gained 3 percent from March to April, the same increase as a year ago.

During the first four months of 1972, Wisconsin's milk production was up 3 percent from the comparable period in 1971. Both milk cow numbers and production per cow have been increasing. Output per cow averaged 940 pounds in April, up 25 pounds from the previous year.

Wisconsin dairy farmers reported feeding an average of 4,170 pounds of grain and other concentrates per milk cow in 1971. This feeding rate was 5 percent heavier than in 1970. The average value per 100 pounds of concentrate ration for Wisconsin milk cows in 1971 was \$3.22, an increase of 7 cents from the previous year.

Milk Production

Selected States	April 1971	April 1972	Jan.-April 1972	Change from last year	
				April	Jan.-April
	Million pounds			Percent	
Wisconsin	1,694	1,761	6,508	4.4	3.3
Minnesota	934	921	3,550	-1.4	-1.4
Iowa	404	400	1,530	-1.0	-1.0
New York	924	922	3,498	-0.2	-0.2
Pennsylvania	612	616	2,414	1.7	1.4
California	822	817	3,243	-0.6	-0.6
Other states	8,050	8,148	29,149	1.2	1.2
United States	10,440	10,655	40,076	1.2	1.3

The Nation's milk production in April totaled 10,655 million pounds, 2 percent above last year. Output per cow in April averaged 870 pounds, a gain of 3 percent from 1970. National milk production for January through April was 2 percent more than in that period a year ago. Feeding of grain and concentrates per milk cow in 1971 was also up 2 percent from the previous year. The average value per 100 pounds of concentrate ration was \$3.44 for 1971, an increase of 16 cents from 1970.

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BUTTER STOCKS DOWN SHARPLY

Cold storage stocks of butter in the Nation at the end of April were more than a fourth below that date in 1971. There were 131 million pounds of butter in cold storage on April 30, of which 97½ million pounds were owned by the Government. Stocks of butter held by the Government were 38 percent less than a year ago.

Total cheese in the Nation's cold storage facilities at the end of April were 1 percent under the previous year. Of the 312 million pounds of cheese in cold storage on April 30, American cheese accounted for 247 million pounds. Stocks of American cheese were just slightly lower than a year ago. Swiss cheese stocks were down a third from April 30, 1971 but supplies of all other cheese were up 4 percent. The Government owned 640,000 pounds of American cheese in cold storage at the end of April compared with 601,000 pounds a year earlier.

Cold Storage Stocks of Butter and Cheese

Commodity	April 30, 1970	April 30, 1971	April 30, 1972	Change from last year
	1,000 pounds			Percent
	UNITED STATES			
Butter	114,194	180,403	131,042	- 27
Cheese, American	257,675	248,009	247,139	n. c.
Cheese, Swiss	9,657	11,600	7,815	- 33
Cheese, all other	41,576	54,967	57,081	+ 4
Cheese, total	308,908	314,576	312,035	- 1
	WISCONSIN			
Butter	3,909	5,830	1/	--
Cheese, American	149,893	149,872	1/	--
	GOVERNMENT STOCKS*			
Butter	75,648	158,184	97,521	- 38
Cheese, American	355	601	640	+ 6

1/Not available. *Included in above totals.

Manufacturers' Stocks of Other Dairy Products

Commodity	March 31, 1970	March 31, 1971	March 31, 1972	Change from last year
	1,000 pounds		Percent	
Dried whole milk	4,704	3,865	4,297	+ 11
Dried skim milk	79,103	76,578	63,021	- 18
Dried buttermilk	7,882	7,028	4,110	- 42
Condensed milk and evaporated milk (case goods) 1/ ..	88,449	67,631	61,305	- 9

1/Combined to avoid disclosing individual plant operations.

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MILK PRICE IN SEASONAL DECLINE

Milk prices received by Wisconsin farmers during April are expected to average \$5.44 a hundredweight. This would be a seasonal decline of 6 cents from March but 18 cents above last year. In 1971 milk prices declined 4 cents from March to April.

All milk sold in March averaged \$5.50 a hundredweight, up 2 cents from February and 20 cents more than a year earlier. Milkfat content for March averaged 3.72 percent, the same as in 1971.

Producers for the Grade A market received an average of \$5.67 a hundredweight in March, a gain of 2 cents from February and 14 cents above the previous year. Manufacturing grade milk, at \$5.30 a hundredweight in March, was also 2 cents higher than February and an increase of 23 cents from March last year. The price spread between market and manufacturing grade milk was 37 cents for March compared with 46 cents in that month of 1971.

Milk Prices 1/

Selected States	February 1972		March price per cwt.			April 1972 price per cwt. 2/
	Average test	Price per cwt.	1971	1972	72/71 change	
	Percent	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Percent	Dollars
Milk for all uses						
Wisconsin	3.74	5.48	5.30	5.50	+ 4	5.44
Minnesota	3.62	5.12	4.88	5.12	+ 5	5.07
Iowa	3.76	5.41	5.16	5.41	+ 5	5.18
New York	3.66	6.35	6.00	6.05	+ 1	5.85
California	3.77	5.75	5.40	5.60	+ 4	5.50
United States	3.76	6.10	5.83	6.01	+ 3	5.88
Wisconsin utilization						
Market milk	3.75	5.65	5.53	5.67	+ 3	xxx
Manufacturing milk	3.73	5.28	5.07	5.30	+ 5	xxx
Creameries	3.69	5.19	5.00	5.16	+ 3	xxx
Cheese factories ..	3.73	5.29	5.08	5.32	+ 5	xxx
Varied prod. plants	3.71	5.22	5.04	5.20	+ 3	xxx

1/Preliminary average buying prices received for milk of average test. They differ from basic buying prices which are for 3.5% milk. 2/Based on preliminary information for milk of average test.

Wisconsin 3.5 Test Milk Prices 1/

Utilization	March 1971	February 1972	March 1972 2/	Change from last year
	Dollars per cwt.		Percent	
Milk for all uses	4.99	5.13	5.17	+ 4
Market milk	5.19	5.27	5.32	+ 3
Manufacturing milk	4.80	4.96	5.00	+ 4
Creameries	4.70	4.92	4.92	+ 5
American cheese plants	4.82	4.96	5.02	+ 4
Varied products plants	4.75	4.92	4.93	+ 4
Federal Order Markets				
Chicago Regional Base Zone 3/	5.45	5.60	5.62	+ 3

1/Computed equivalents. 2/Preliminary. 3/Includes Milwaukee County, Wisconsin and Winnebago County, Illinois.

MILK SALES AND INCOME CONTINUE HIGHER IN 1971

Preliminary estimates show that cash receipts for milk sold by Wisconsin farmers in 1971 totaled over \$973 million. Income from milk sales in 1971 was 6 percent higher than in 1970. Milk prices averaged 19 cents more in 1971 than a year earlier and total pounds of milk sold from farms increased 2½ percent.

Of the 18,879 million pounds of milk produced on Wisconsin farms during 1971, farmers marketed 97 percent and kept 3 percent for use on their farms. Milk production in 1971 was almost 2½ percent greater than in 1970 and the most since 1964.

In the past ten years, the number of milk cows on Wisconsin farms declined by 294,000 but milk marketed increased

by more than a million pounds. Annual milk production per cow in 1971 exceeded 10,000 pounds for the first time and was 1,832 pounds higher than ten years ago. Cash receipts from the sale of milk increased by \$364 million from 1961 to 1971. Milk prices for 1971 averaged \$5.31 cents a hundred-weight compared with \$3.55 for 1961.

Disposition and Sales of Milk Produced, Wisconsin, 1953-71

Year	Total milk production	Milk fed or consumed on farms where produced				Milk sold from farms					Value of sales
		Fed to calves	Consumed in the farm household		Total	To plants and dealers		Direct to consumers	Total		
			As milk and cream	As farm butter		As cream	As milk				
Million pounds											1,000 dollars
1953	15,947	624	384	11	1,019	173	14,700	55	14,928	532,828	
1954	16,273	629	399	9	1,037	156	15,040	40	15,236	491,546	
1955	16,482	626	388	9	1,023	130	15,294	35	15,459	499,996	
1956	16,922	626	379	9	1,014	100	15,773	35	15,908	535,392	
1957	17,433	604	355	9	968	90	16,345	30	16,465	557,428	
1958	17,956	594	349	7	950	50	16,926	30	17,006	557,478	
1959	17,815	577	335	6	918	50	16,817	30	16,897	555,615	
1960	17,780	545	320	5	870	40	16,840	30	16,910	588,459	
1961	17,931	515	302	4	821	30	17,050	30	17,110	609,158	
1962	18,598	490	286	3	779	20	17,770	29	17,819	609,297	
1963	18,597	475	277	2	754	14	17,800	29	17,843	610,199	
1964	19,358	460	267	2	729	10	18,590	29	18,629	646,243	
1965	18,841	445	257	1	703	9	18,100	29	18,138	645,514	
1966	18,052	430	240	1	671	5	17,350	26	17,381	741,953	
1967	18,219	415	229	1	658 1/2	5	17,530	26	17,561	763,812	
1968	18,210	400	219	—	619	5	17,560	26	17,591	807,259	
1969	18,051	384	210	—	594	2	17,430	25	17,457	851,741	
1970	18,435	383	196	—	579	1	17,830	25	17,856	915,774	
1971*	18,879	386	188	—	574	—	18,285	20	18,305	973,212	

*Preliminary. 1/Includes some milk used for other purposes on farms or not utilized.

WHOLESALE CHEDDAR PRICE LOWER

Wholesale prices of cheddar cheese, 40 pound blocks, declined from March to April. The cheddar average for April at Wisconsin primary markets was 57.94 cents a pound, about 1¼ cents less than the previous month but nearly 1 cent above April 1971.

Swiss cheese, Wisconsin State Brand, averaged 72½ cents a pound in April. This was the same as a month earlier but 8 cents more than last year.

Wholesale prices of 92-score butter at New York averaged 68¼ cents a pound during April, unchanged from March but almost 2 cents under a year ago.

Wholesale Dairy Prices

Commodity	April 1971	March 1972	April 1972
Butter, 92-score, New York, pound	70.73¢	68.75¢	68.75¢
Cheese, Cheddars, Wisconsin primary markets, 40 lb. blocks, pound 2/	57.09¢	59.65¢	57.94¢
Cheese, Swiss, Wisconsin State Brand, block pound 2/	64.50¢	72.50¢	72.50¢
Evaporated milk, North Central States, case, 48 14½ oz. cans, range	\$7.70-8.60	\$7.70-9.10	\$ — — —
Nontat dry milk solids, spray, Chicago men, pound	29.19¢	31.44¢	31.46¢

1/Preliminary estimates. 2/Selling prices, f.o.b. at Wisconsin assembly points.

LESS BUTTER BUT MORE CHEESE BEING MADE

Based on weekly receipts of milk by dairy plants, production of American cheese in the Nation during April will be

well above a year ago but butter output will be down. Production of American cheese in April is expected to be about 13 percent more than last year, nearly matching the 14 percent increase shown during January through March. The National output of American cheese has exceeded the previous year since July 1969. Wisconsin's production of American cheese in April will also be substantially above that month in 1971.

Weekly milk receipts being used to churn butter indicate that the Nation's production for April may be 3 percent less than a year ago. Butter output during January through March was 2 percent under that period in 1971. Wisconsin's butter production for April was above a year earlier in the second half of the month and could show a gain from April 1971.

Ice cream production in the Nation during March increased 1 percent from a year earlier. The National output of

Recent Changes in Butter and Cheese Output

Periods	Butter			American Cheese		
	United States		Wisconsin	United States		Wisconsin
	Production 1972	Change from last year	Change from last year	Production 1972	Change from last year	Change from last year
	1,000 lbs.	Percent	Percent	1,000 lbs.	Percent	Percent
March	106,775	- 4	- 1	147,715	+ 16	+ 17
Jan.-March	307,640	- 2	- 2	394,560	+ 14	+ 12
Weeks ending						
April 6	26,050	+ 1	+ 3	35,050	+ 15	+ 14
April 13	25,600	- 3	- 6	35,700	+ 14	+ 16
April 20	25,550	- 3	+ 11	36,350	+ 13	+ 14
April 27	25,700	- 4	+ 7	37,200	+ 11	+ 7
Total	102,900	- 3	xxx	144,300	+ 13	xxx

cottage cheese curd in March was up 4 percent from the previous year while creamed cottage cheese production gained 2 percent.

1971 ITALIAN CHEESE PRODUCTION HIGHER

Production of Italian cheese in Wisconsin during 1971 totaled over 165 million pounds, up 7 percent from 1970. In the past ten years, Italian cheese production has increased 75 percent. The 1971 output was three times as much as was produced in 1957. Italian cheese accounted for 17 percent of all cheese made in Wisconsin during 1971 compared with 16 percent in 1970.

Production of Mozzarella, a soft type cheese used in the pizza trade, increased 9 percent from 1970 to 1971. Since 1957, Mozzarella has experienced the largest growth in production of any of the Italian varieties. The output of Mozzarella in 1971 was eight times greater than in 1957 and nearly triple the amount produced in 1961 and 1964. Mozzarella is by far the largest variety of Italian cheese made in Wisconsin, accounting for 55 percent of the total production.

Provolone production increased 1 percent from 1970 to 1971 while all other hard type Italian cheeses gained 15 percent during that time. Provolone is the second leading variety of Italian cheese produced in the State, making up 20 percent of the total. It accounted for 46 percent of the hard type Italian cheeses produced in 1971.

The production of hard types of Italian cheese in 1971 was up 8 percent from the previous year. Output of soft types increased almost 7 percent from 1970 to 1971. Soft types represented 57 percent of all Italian cheese produced in Wisconsin during 1971 compared with only 22 percent in 1957. Mozzarella accounts for almost all of the soft Italian cheese production.

Italian Cheese Production by Varieties in Wisconsin

Variety	1961	1964	1969	1970	1971
Thousand pounds					
HARD					
Asiago	459	1,155	837	479	365
Parmesan	17,108	22,275	18,817	17,353	20,522
Provolone	21,959	24,184	28,922	32,334	32,689
Romano	13,570	13,493	14,115	13,240	14,570
Other Hard	53	317	1,170	2,409	3,019
Total Hard	53,149	61,424	63,861	65,815	71,165
SOFT					
Mozzarella	32,285	32,700	84,669	82,728	90,491
Pizza	6,737	15,311	4,592	4,889	2,609
Scamorza	1/	1,056	1/	1/	1/
Other Soft 2/	2,482	118	588	911	1,301
Total Soft	41,504	49,185	89,849	88,528	94,401
All Italian	94,653	110,609	153,710	154,343	165,566

1/Combined with other. 2/Excludes Gorgonzola, formerly published as an Italian cheese.

CHEESE PRODUCTION UP BUT BUTTER OUTPUT DOWN

Production of all cheese in the Nation during March was 14 percent higher than a year ago while output of butter declined 4 percent. All varieties of cheese showed production gains in March from last year. Production was up 15 percent

for Brick and Muenster, 14 percent for Swiss, 11 percent for Italian, 16 percent for American, and 1 percent for all other cheese.

Wisconsin's output of American cheese during March totaled nearly 69 million pounds, 17 percent above a year earlier. Minnesota increased its American cheese production 21 percent in March compared with the previous year. Missouri made 7 percent more American cheese in March than a year ago and all other states were up 15 percent.

Butter production in Wisconsin for March was down 1 percent from that month in 1971. Minnesota had a decline of 9 percent in butter production during March compared with last year. Churnings in Iowa were 7 percent less than in March 1971 and all other states were down 1 percent.

Current Dairy Products Estimates

Item and area	March 1971	March 1972	Jan.- March 1972	Change from last year	
				March	Jan.-Mar.
	1,000 pounds			Percent	
BUTTER					
Wisconsin	19,600	19,460	53,900	- 1	- 2
Minnesota	29,640	26,900	76,000	- 9	- 7
Iowa	8,810	8,150	23,570	- 7	- 5
Other states	52,935	52,265	154,170	- 1	+ 2
United States	110,985	106,775	307,640	- 4	- 2
CHEESE, AMERICAN					
Wisconsin	58,700	68,800	180,800	+ 17	+ 12
Minnesota	15,100	18,200	50,130	+ 21	+ 24
Missouri	6,160	6,600	17,280	+ 7	+ 7
Other states	46,900	54,115	146,350	+ 15	+ 15
United States	126,860	147,715	394,560	+ 16	+ 14
CHEESE, MISCELLANEOUS					
United States					
Swiss	13,070	14,965	42,115	+ 14	+ 22
Brickland Muenster ..	5,110	5,870	17,600	+ 13	+ 18
Limburger	205	235	670	+ 15	+ 3
Italian	39,895	44,180	123,610	+ 11	+ 13
All other	17,670	17,870	48,600	+ 1	+ 2
Total	75,950	83,120	232,595	+ 9	+ 12
ALL CHEESE					
United States	202,810	230,835	627,155	+ 14	+ 14
OTHER PRODUCTS					
Cottage Cheese					
United States					
Curd 1/	70,580	73,715	201,170	+ 4	+ 5
Creamed 2/	96,685	98,305	267,645	+ 2	+ 3
	1,000 gallons			Percent	
Ice Cream					
Wisconsin	1,715	1,690	4,465	- 1	- 2
Illinois	3,430	3,250	8,520	- 5	- 6
Iowa	635	745	1,865	+ 17	+ 10
Michigan	3,030	3,190	8,360	+ 5	+ 3
Minnesota	2,465	2,500	6,710	+ 1	+ 6
Other states	53,125	53,925	146,240	+ 2	+ 4
United States	64,400	65,300	176,160	+ 1	+ 3

1/Includes cottage, pot, and bakers' cheese with a milkfat content of less than 4 percent. 2/Includes cheese with a milkfat content of 4 to 19 percent.

FIELD WORK PROGRESSING WITH BETTER WEATHER

After a slow start because of a very late spring, field work on Wisconsin farms began to accelerate during the second week of May as the weather improved. As of the first of May, less than 10 percent of the State's oat acreage had been seeded whereas in 1971 over half of the oats was in by that date. With better cooperation from the weather, farmers worked many hours daily to complete most of the oats by the middle of May and begin corn planting. About 10 percent of the corn acreage was planted by mid-May compared with 40 percent at that time a year ago. The western part of the State had

made the most progress on corn planting as it was able to start field work earlier in the season than other areas. The north and east were particularly late in completing their oats, and some farmers in those regions reported they would be planting oats and corn at the same time this year.

Planting of potatoes, peas, sweet corn, and other vegetable crops also started late this season. Activity picked up considerably in the second week of May with the improvement in the weather. By mid-May most of the early potatoes were planted in the central area of Wisconsin while the north was moving along good. Most of the tobacco beds had been planted by the middle of May. Orchards had begun to bud but were several days behind a normal schedule.

Hay and pastures were slow in growing because of the cool temperatures during April and the first part of May. Sunny and warmer weather after mid-May improved growth considerably as soil moisture had been adequate. Farmers in southern Wisconsin were quite concerned about the effects of winterkill on seedlings. Old seedlings especially suffered heavily and some fields had to be plowed up and reseeded. The north had a deep snow cover all winter and seedlings survived well there. Pastures were below a normal condition until sunshine and warmer temperatures after the middle of May allowed marked improvement.

The soil moisture supply was mostly adequate to surplus in all areas during the early part of the spring season in contrast to last year's unusually dry spring. Heavy soils and low lands were very slow to dry out this spring and delayed field work in northern and eastern areas for a few weeks. The combination of a good soil moisture supply and warm temperatures after the middle of May provided optimum growing conditions for the newly planted crops.

In the North Central Region of the Nation, land preparation and planting was lagging well behind last year's fast pace. Cool, wet weather kept farmers out of the fields during much of April. By May 8, approximately 10 percent of the intended corn acreage in the Corn Belt States had been planted. This was far behind the 60 percent planted by May 7 last year when dry weather allowed farmers to begin seeding earlier than usual. In Iowa and Illinois, the two leading corn states, only 30 percent of the corn was planted by the middle of May compared with 80 percent at that date in 1971.

RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP SLIGHTLY IN MARCH

Red meat production in Wisconsin's commercial slaughterplants during March totaled 107.7 million pounds, 1 percent more than a year earlier. Pork production was 7 percent less than in March last year but output of beef increased 10 percent.

The March cattle kill of 89,000 was 7,500 more than the previous year. Average liveweight of cattle for March was 1,139 pounds, 8 pounds heavier than a year ago.

Hog slaughter for March totaled 354,000, down 29,000 from March 1971. This was the sixth consecutive month that hog slaughter was lower than a year earlier. Average liveweight of hogs in March was 233 pounds, up 1 pound from last year.

A total of 24,400 calves were slaughtered during March compared with 27,500 in that month a year ago. Calf liveweight, at 169 pounds, was 25 pounds more than the previous year and the heaviest on record for March. The sheep and lamb kill in March numbered 200 compared with 100 a year earlier.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter

Area	Number			Liveweight	
	March		Change from last year	March	
	1971	1972		1971	1972
	1,000 head		Percent	Million pounds	
Cattle					
Wisconsin	81.5	89.0	+ 9	92.2	101.4
United States 1/	3,052.1	3,035.4	- 1	3,171.0	3,163.9
Calves					
Wisconsin	27.5	24.4	- 11	4.0	4.1
United States 1/	377.3	318.9	- 15	86.0	72.9
Hogs					
Wisconsin	383.0	354.0	- 8	88.9	82.5
United States 1/	8,992.3	8,406.9	- 7	2,109.6	1,992.0
Sheep and lambs					
Wisconsin	.1	.2	n. c.	.009	.020
United States 1/	955.7	948.9	- 1	101.8	102.5

1/Excludes Alaska and Hawaii.

MEAT STOCKS LOWER THAN YEAR AGO

Total meat in cold storage in the Nation on April 30 was 5 percent below that date last year. Stocks of beef were down 1 percent and pork supplies were 14 percent less than a year earlier.

There were about 288½ million pounds of beef in cold storage at the end of April, an increase of 1 million pounds from the previous month but more than 1½ million pounds under a year ago.

Pork stocks amounted to 399 million pounds on April 30, an increase of 68 million pounds from a month earlier but 64½ million pounds less than the previous year. Frozen pork bellies, at 131½ million pounds on April 30, were nearly the same as a year ago.

Cold Storage Stocks of Meat United States

Commodity	April 30, 1970	April 30, 1971	March 31, 1972	April 30, 1972	Change from last year
	1,000 pounds				Percent
Beef:					
Frozen	356,750	282,607	277,103	279,011	- 1
In cure and cured	12,347	7,652	10,323	9,585	+ 25
Total	369,097	290,259	287,426	288,596	- 1
Pork:					
Frozen	304,368	441,076	309,804	378,486	- 14
In cooler	24,657	22,545	21,272	20,642	- 8
Total	329,025	463,621	331,076	399,128	- 14
Other meats and meat products:					
Veal, frozen	12,256	9,192	9,621	9,200	n. c.
Lamb and mutton, frozen	20,919	20,221	12,346	13,915	- 31
Canned meats in cooler:					
Hams	62,130	63,290	79,565	94,570	+ 49
Other meats	19,507	19,537	21,549	20,775	+ 6
Total, all meats	812,934	866,120	741,583	826,184	- 5

Dairy Production and Markets Summary, 1971 1/

Item	Unit	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual 2/
WISCONSIN														
Milk cows (000)	Head	1,847	1,848	1,850	1,851	1,852	1,854	1,856	1,858	1,860	1,862	1,864	1,865	1,856
Milk production (000,000)	Lb.	1,515	1,441	1,647	1,694	1,871	1,854	1,661	1,533	1,414	1,443	1,342	1,464	1,879
Milk prices (cwt.)														
All uses														
Market milk	Dol.	5.30	5.31	5.30	5.26	5.20	5.12	5.12	5.16	5.29	5.42	5.50	5.53	5.29
Manufacturing milk	Dol.	5.51	5.55	5.53	5.47	5.40	5.31	5.32	5.36	5.53	5.66	5.72	5.72	5.51
Creameries	Dol.	5.08	5.05	5.07	4.97	4.97	4.93	4.90	4.92	5.01	5.13	5.21	5.28	5.05
Cheese factories	Dol.	5.09	5.03	5.00	4.94	4.94	4.91	4.90	4.92	5.03	5.11	5.14	5.17	5.01
Varied products plants	Dol.	5.05	5.04	5.08	5.03	4.97	4.94	4.91	4.93	5.01	5.14	5.23	5.30	5.06
Butter production (000)	Lb.	17,575	17,650	19,600	19,750	21,800	20,775	16,800	14,840	12,500	14,150	13,200	15,300	203,940
American cheese prod. (000)	Lb.	53,200	49,350	58,700	61,800	70,800	71,900	59,800	54,000	49,500	49,100	44,400	50,500	673,050
Icecream prod. (000)	Gal.	1,440	1,380	1,715	1,550	1,550	2,000	2,250	2,050	1,850	1,760	1,600	1,570	20,715
Cold storage stocks (000)														
(end of month)														
Butter	Lb.	2,212	3,771	5,707	5,810	9,274	12,192	13,637	13,130	10,575	9,069	6,180	4,500	96,057
American cheese	Lb.	151,145	148,451	145,681	153,111	159,393	174,716	183,114	177,314	165,143	152,535	141,500	132,590	1,884,693
Cattle slaughter (000)	Head	330	26.5	27.5	21.8	16.6	18.4	18.3	16.5	22.7	27.0	23.9	33.5	287.7
Cattle slaughter (000)	Head	90.5	73.0	81.5	74.0	82.5	92.0	95.0	98.0	98.0	96.0	93.5	104.0	1,078.0
UNITED STATES														
Milk cows (000)	Head	12,410	12,399	12,389	12,374	12,360	12,350	12,341	12,334	12,320	12,306	12,291	12,282	123,347
Milk production (000,000)	Lb.	9,570	9,006	10,223	10,440	11,189	10,836	10,316	9,903	9,365	9,419	8,950	9,423	118,640
Milk prices (cwt.)														
All uses														
Market milk	Dol.	5.98	5.93	5.85	5.72	5.61	5.51	5.62	5.75	5.99	6.09	6.17	6.17	5.87
Manufacturing milk	Dol.	6.32	6.28	6.19	6.05	5.93	5.82	5.95	6.09	6.35	6.43	6.51	6.49	6.19
Creameries	Dol.	4.82	4.84	4.86	4.75	4.75	4.72	4.70	4.72	4.81	4.92	4.99	5.02	4.84
Cheese factories	Dol.	4.88	4.84	4.78	4.78	4.74	4.73	4.70	4.72	4.81	4.91	5.03	5.08	5.02
Condenseries	Dol.	5.02	4.96	4.95	4.89	4.83	4.82	4.80	4.81	4.89	5.03	5.10	5.19	4.83
Cattle slaughter (000)	Head	322.0	306.9	377.3	321.4	281.1	280.4	282.4	290.9	315.7	307.2	302.7	301.2	3,689.2
Cattle slaughter (000)	Head	2,926.2	2,624.4	3,052.1	2,893.9	2,877.9	3,160.5	3,023.7	3,076.8	3,145.8	3,014.5	2,929.1	2,875.8	35,650.7
Dairy products output (000)														
Butter	Lb.	103,845	97,775	110,985	112,995	119,520	112,170	90,175	79,575	69,010	79,435	78,330	88,690	1,142,505
American cheese	Lb.	175,770	174,810	126,860	137,280	159,050	141,335	141,580	139,610	112,410	111,245	103,290	115,695	1,517,495
Swiss cheese	Lb.	10,820	10,730	13,070	13,330	14,555	14,335	13,750	13,405	12,585	13,385	13,185	13,945	157,505
Brick and Münster cheese	Lb.	5,170	4,700	5,110	5,170	5,245	5,030	4,850	4,950	4,500	5,010	4,910	4,830	59,470
Limburger cheese	Lb.	265	225	205	205	200	205	140	225	200	235	260	215	2,580
Italian cheese	Lb.	35,585	33,775	39,895	39,980	39,695	37,900	35,820	37,045	35,860	36,975	36,850	42,290	451,560
All other cheese	Lb.	15,315	14,500	17,670	14,315	13,765	14,255	14,945	13,690	15,670	17,940	18,835	20,840	191,805
Total cheese	Lb.	180,985	168,740	202,810	210,280	232,510	233,920	211,085	198,925	181,225	184,790	177,330	197,815	2,380,415
Ice cream	Gal.	52,390	53,800	64,400	64,715	64,000	76,520	80,020	76,115	70,495	61,910	55,805	52,215	772,385
Cottage cheese, curd	Lb.	60,490	60,995	70,645	66,440	66,195	64,735	64,440	63,715	60,995	61,590	60,705	56,070	756,555
Cottage cheese, creamed	Lb.	80,650	81,515	96,685	90,470	89,150	87,075	87,695	84,835	82,550	81,735	81,295	75,505	1,019,160
Cold storage stocks (000)														
(end of month)														
Butter	Lb.	119,258	134,090	157,906	180,403	209,786	235,073	251,192	246,760	222,041	188,887	155,032	96,847	2,197,275
American cheese	Lb.	255,141	242,808	236,281	248,009	268,823	296,402	311,021	303,902	283,674	262,439	250,876	238,900	3,198,276
Swiss cheese	Lb.	12,542	12,302	11,599	11,600	11,248	10,614	10,300	10,151	10,594	9,111	8,084	7,191	125,356
All other cheese	Lb.	53,219	54,807	54,247	54,967	57,306	64,328	64,241	64,756	63,321	61,956	57,757	58,177	709,082
Total cheese	Lb.	320,902	309,917	302,127	314,576	337,377	371,344	385,562	378,809	357,589	333,506	316,717	304,268	4,032,694
Government stocks														
Butter	Lb.	94,727	107,231	126,940	158,784	176,312	201,658	217,445	215,254	195,309	154,662	118,784	70,685	1,837,191
American cheese	Lb.	839	806	930	601	1,726	2,964	3,370	3,120	2,943	3,059	3,158	3,259	26,775
Manufacturers' stocks (000)														
(end of month)														
Dried whole milk	Lb.	5,474	4,768	3,865	5,611	8,006	9,035	8,282	7,492	6,774	6,423	5,293	4,025	75,048
Dried skim milk	Lb.	89,239	99,920	76,578	101,682	136,151	153,205	154,769	145,107	108,820	102,333	86,194	78,110	1,331,108
Dried buttermilk	Lb.	8,352	10,147	7,028	7,529	7,079	6,626	5,319	3,919	2,400	2,241	2,144	2,738	65,522
Evaporated & sweetened condensed milk, whole, case	Lb.	81,279	69,390	67,631	51,247	103,966	133,832	162,367	172,912	163,012	151,505	111,729	88,576	1,357,446
Wholesale dairy prices														
Butter, 92-score, New York	Cent	70.75	70.75	70.73	68.82	68.73	68.75	68.74	68.74	69.23	68.83	68.79	68.99	69.32
Cheddar cheese, 40 lb. blocks (pound) 3/	Cent	56.00	56.07	58.13	57.09	56.09	56.00	56.00	56.00	56.00	56.00	56.09	58.21	56.47
Swiss cheese, state brand, block (pound) 3/	Cent	65.98	65.50	65.10	64.50	64.50	64.50	65.50	66.50	66.50	66.50	66.50	68.10	65.80
Evaporated milk, case North Central States, Av.	Dol.	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.15	8.23	8.65	8.44	8.40	8.39	8.47	8.39	8.39	8.37
Nonfat dry milk, spray, Chicago area (pound) ..	Cent	26.91	27.12	27.21	29.19	31.57	31.55	31.63	31.53	31.63	31.70	31.61	31.63	30.27

Latest data available May 5, 1972. 2/ Annual total or average. 3 Selling prices f.o.b. Wisconsin assembly points.

FARM PRODUCT PRICES LOWER

Lower prices for milk, eggs, hogs, and beef cattle resulted in a 7 point decline in the prices received index for Wisconsin farm products from mid-March to mid-April. At 356 percent of the 1910-14 base, the index of prices received was 19 points (6 percent) above a year earlier.

Steers and heifers averaged \$30.50 a hundredweight for the month ending April 15, down \$1.10 from March but \$2.10 higher than last year. Slaughter cows, at \$23.50 a hundredweight for April, were 50 cents less than the previous month but \$2.50 more than mid-April 1971.

Calves averaged \$46.50 a hundredweight in April, the same as March but \$6.40 above a year ago. Calf prices have exceeded the previous year since March 1971 and have established record highs for each month. Sheep and lamb prices were unchanged from March to April. At \$5.90 a hundredweight for mid-April, sheep were 80 cents under a year earlier. Lambs averaged \$27.00 a hundredweight on April 15, an increase of 50 cents from last year.

Hogs averaged \$22.50 a hundredweight for April, down 60 cents from March but \$6.20 higher than at mid-April 1971. This was the seventh consecutive month that hog prices were above a year ago.

Egg prices dropped 4 cents a dozen from March to April. Eggs averaged 23 cents a dozen as of April 15, down 6 cents from the previous year and the lowest price for that date since 1941. Turkeys brought 21 cents a pound liveweight in April, 1 cent below March but 1 cent more than April 1971.

Corn prices advanced 2 cents a bushel from March to April. However, at \$1.15 a bushel on April 15 corn was 30 cents under a year earlier. Oats averaged 70 cents a bushel for April, a decline of 2 cents from March and 4 cents lower than the previous year. The mid-April soybean price of \$3.35 a bushel was exceeded only by the price of \$3.50 received in April 1948. Soybeans were up 20 cents from March to April and were 66 cents higher than on April 15, 1971.

Prices Received by Wisconsin Farmers

Commodity	Unit	April 1970	April 1971	March 1972	April 1972
Dollars					
Milk cows	Head	360.00	395.00	420.00	425.00
Steers and heifers	Cwt.	27.80	28.40	31.60	30.50
Cows	Cwt.	22.00	21.00	24.00	23.50
Calves	Cwt.	38.60	40.10	46.50	46.50
Hogs	Cwt.	24.20	16.30	23.10	22.50
Sheep	Cwt.	7.60	6.70	5.90	5.90
Lambs	Cwt.	26.20	26.50	27.00	27.00
Wool	Lb.	.36	.26	.27	.34
Chickens 1/	Lb.	.075	.085	.090	.090
Turkeys	Lb.	.270	.200	.220	.210
Eggs	Doz.	.320	.290	.270	.230
Corn	Bu.	1.14	1.45	1.13	1.15
Oats	Bu.	.66	.74	.72	.70
Soybeans	Bu.	2.40	2.69	3.15	3.35
Alfalfa hay, baled	Ton	20.00	22.00	23.00	23.00

1/Excludes broilers.

FEEDER PIG PRICES UP

Wisconsin farmers reported paying an average of \$21.70 a head in April for feeder pigs averaging 40 pounds each. This price was \$3.20 more than in January and \$9.65 above April

1971. Feeder pig prices have been on the increase since reaching a low of \$9.35 a head in January 1971.

Wisconsin Feeder Pig Prices and Weights 1/

Year	January	April	July	October
Dollars per head				
1965	10.50	12.10	13.00	15.15
1966	20.65	20.00	16.60	16.30
1967	14.50	14.75	15.20	14.90
1968	13.70	15.40	15.10	15.20
1969	14.00	16.40	17.80	19.00
1970	21.50	24.50	18.80	12.60
1971	9.35	12.05	12.80	14.30
1972	18.50	21.70		
Pounds per head				
1965	42	40	40	40
1966	41	40	40	41
1967	42	41	41	41
1968	42	40	41	41
1969	41	41	41	41
1970	41	39	40	40
1971	41	40	40	41
1972	41	40		

1/Prices paid by farmers and weights are average for the month as reported by Wisconsin Crop Correspondents.

MORE BEEF BUT LESS PORK COMING

According to the Economic Research Service, output of red meat this spring and summer will run nearly the same as a year earlier. Larger beef production will be offset by sharply reduced pork output.

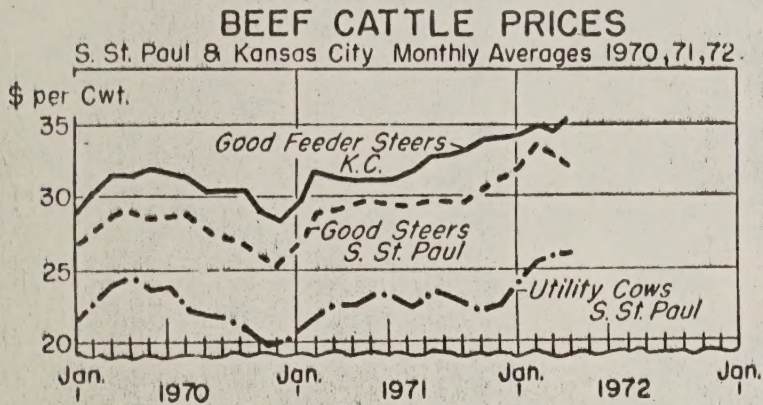
Fed cattle marketings in the summer likely will rise above spring levels and remain moderately above a year earlier. There were 11 percent more cattle on feed in weight groups that usually supply the bulk of the fed cattle marketings in the third quarter, and spring placements on feed are expected to be large. Hog slaughter during the rest of 1972 likely will remain at least moderately smaller than a year earlier. There were 6 percent fewer hogs on Corn Belt farms March 1 and farrowing during March-May were expected to be down 7 percent from the previous year.

Weather Summary, April, 1972

Station	Temperature				Precipitation		
	Low	High	Mean	Normal	For month	Normal	Accumulative departure since Jan. 1
Amery	13	74	39	44	1.56	2.19	-.67
Superior	8	62	34	40	2.33	2.37	-.04
Spooner	0	72	39	43	.60	2.11	-1.63
Park Falls	6	68	37	41	1.49	2.58	-1.08
Rhineland	5	67	36	41	2.38	2.12	+1.11
Medford	5	67	37	42	1.66	2.45	-.16
Marquette	14	68	40	44	2.73	2.44	+1.77
Antigo	0	69	37	43	2.90	2.45	+1.50
River Falls	13	75	42	45	1.91	2.42	-.45
La Crosse	11	77	43	47	2.38	2.75	-.93
Hatfield Dam	2	75	41	44	2.34	2.64	-.02
Marshfield	5	68	39	43	2.55	2.71	-.21
Hancock	6	71	40	45	1.37	2.63	-1.88
Green Bay	11	69	39	43	1.45	2.46	-.78
Oshkosh	10	67	39	45	2.22	2.61	-.92
Sheboygan	10	66	39	44	2.08	2.49	-1.51
Manitowoc	17	67	39	44	1.64	2.67	-2.47
Lancaster	9	74	43	47	3.00	2.83	+1.13
Darlington	4	77	44	47	3.68	2.93	-.75
Hillsboro	5	76	42	46	2.41	2.83	-2.39
Portage	6	78	41	48	2.10	2.90	-2.13
Madison	9	78	41	44	2.02	2.57	-1.87
Beloit	16	77	46	49	4.58	2.68	+1.24
Lake Geneva	14	76	43	48	4.83	3.24	+2.84
Milwaukee (airport)	21	76	39	44	2.76	2.53	-.13
Average for 25 stations	8.6	71.8	40.0	44.4	2.36	2.58	-.67

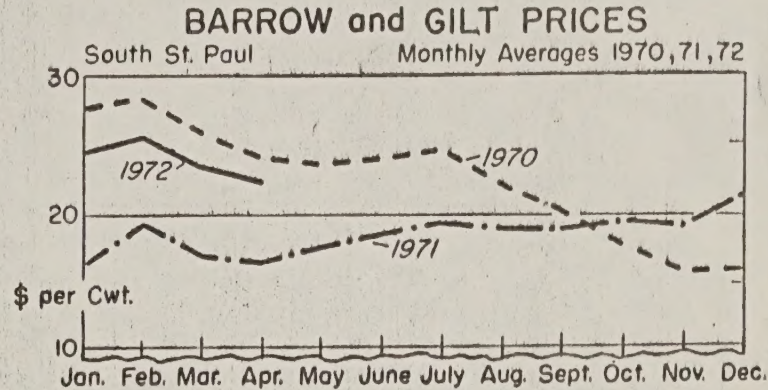
FEEDER STEER PRICE INCREASES

Prices of good grade feeder steers weighing between 600 and 700 pounds increased at the Kansas City market from March to April. Feeder steers averaged \$35.20 a hundredweight for April, up 45 cents from March and about \$4.00 higher than last year. Prices of good grade fed steers at the St. Paul market averaged \$32.08 a hundredweight in April, a decline of 81 cents from a month earlier but \$2.56 above a year ago. Utility cow prices at St. Paul averaged \$26.11 a hundredweight during April, a gain of 23 cents from March and \$3.52 greater than April 1971.



HOG MARKET SEASONALLY LOWER

Barrow and gilt prices at the St. Paul market declined seasonally from March to April. The April average of \$22.84 was 65 cents below a month earlier but \$6.64 above last year. Barrow and gilt prices at the end of April averaged almost 50 cents higher than at the beginning of the month.



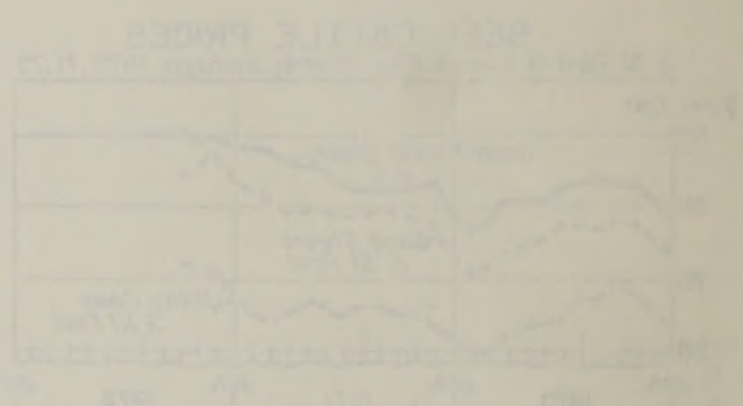
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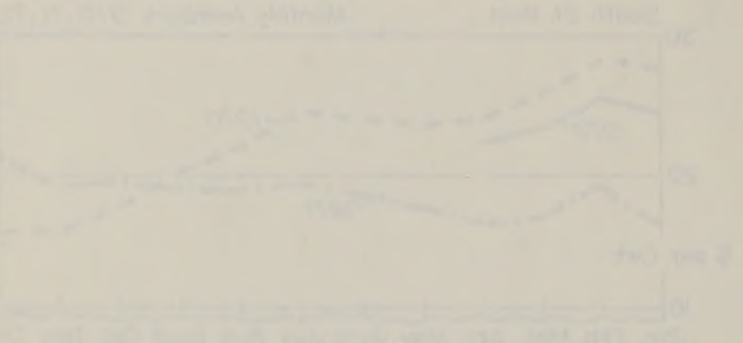
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BARROW and GIL PRICES



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